REMARKS

Claims 2-5 and 8-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Figs. 16 and 17 have been added in order to illustrate the light absorbent member and opening as discussed in paragraphs [0057] and [0058] and as recited in claims 4 and 5. No new matter is added. The specification has been amended to reflect the added Figs. 16 and 17. Claims 2-5 and 8-17 have been amended and claims 1, 6 and 7 have been cancelled. In particular, claims 2-5 and 8-17 have been amended to depend either directly or indirectly from allowed claim 18. As such, all of claims 2-5 and 8-20 should be allowed.

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 18-20 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 11-13, 15 and 17.

The drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a). By this Amendment, Figs. 16 and 17 have been added to illustrate the light absorbent member and the opening of claims 4 and 5. The specification has also been amended to reflect the added Figs. 16 and 17. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

Claim 14 was objected to based on an informality. By this Amendment, claim 14 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 1-4, 7 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Sato, U. S. Patent No. 4,285,275, claims 1, 6-9 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Sunada et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,820,283 and claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Scholz et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,517,269 have been rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 2-5 and 8-20 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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The attached replacement drawing sheets adds Figs. 16 and 17.

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